

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 12, 2000

Jorge Monteagudo 2720 S.W. 130th Ave. Miami, FL 33175

RE: MUR 5161

Dear Mr. Monteagudo:

On November 28, 2000, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file as it pertains to you. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The Commission reminds you that contributions to any candidate and his or her authorized political committees with respect to any election for Federal office which, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,000 are a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Brown, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Darryl R. Wold Chairman

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

MUR: 5161

RESPONDENT: Jorge Monteagudo

I. **GENERATION OF MATTER**

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election

Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory

responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

II. **FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

A. Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("the Act") provides that no

person shall make contributions to any candidate's authorized committee with respect to any

election for federal office which, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,000. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).

Contributions which on their face or when aggregated with other contributions from the same

contributor exceed the Act's contribution limitations shall be refunded within 60 days,

redesignated, or reattributed. 11 C.F.R. §§ 103.3(b)(3); 110.1(b)(2); 110.1(k)(3).

B. Analysis

The Commission's audit of Lincoln Diaz-Balart for Congress Committee ("the

Committee"), undertaken in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 438(b), revealed that Jorge Monteagudo

made contributions to the Committee for the 1998 primary election which exceeded the

contribution limitation by \$1,500. See 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The contributions were not

refunded, redesignated, or reattributed within the relevant time periods. 11 C.F.R.

§§ 103.3(b)(3); 110.1(b)(2); 110.1(k)(3). Therefore, there is reason to believe that Jorge Monteagudo violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).